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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
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Dear Sir,

Johns Manville Canada Inc. has a manufacturing plant in Innisfail Alberta and is a major user of rail service. We currently utilize intermodal to get our products to market and feel we have good access to all North American regions, except the Western United States (California, Nevada and North).

We see the CN-BNSF merger as a combination that could add a valuable opportunity to our company, by potentially opening this market for us via intermodal.

In evaluating the CN-BNSF combination, we encourage the Surface Transportation Board to give full consideration to the service benefits this transaction could bring to shippers in Western Canada, who are trying to access the south western U.S. market.

Yours Respectfully,

JOHNS MANVILLE CANADA INC.



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